

THE HONORABLE BENJAMIN H. SETTLE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

COMMANDER EMILY SHILLING, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:25-cv-241-BHS

STIPULATED MOTION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER  
AMENDED COMPLAINT

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:  
April 10, 2025

Defendants respectfully request, and Plaintiffs stipulate to, a 30-day extension of time to answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint (Mar. 4, 2025), ECF No. 59. Per Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12(a)(2) and 15(a)(3), Defendants' answer is presently due Monday, April 14, 2025. Defendants have sought no previous extensions of that deadline.

This is one of several cases challenging the same Department of Defense personnel policy. All of those cases have been litigated in emergency postures, requiring undersigned counsel to brief and argue multiple motions, in quick succession, before courts across the country. That has reduced the amount of time otherwise afforded by Rule 12(a)(2) to investigate the allegations in Plaintiffs' pleadings. Now that the first wave of such emergency motions have been resolved, undersigned counsel and their clients are able to turn to answering those pleadings. This Stipulated Motion is noted for same day consideration pursuant to Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 7(d)(1).

1 Pursuant to Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 7(e)(6), I certify that this memorandum contains  
2 297 words, which complies with the Local Civil Rules.

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4 DATE: April 10, 2025

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